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Government of Madras.

Publicworks DEPARTMENT.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
6th March 1869.

No. 209. Read the following letter from the Inspector General of Jails, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 28th January 1869, No. 166:—

P. W. D, 18th July 1868, No. 2,292.

1. With reference to the order noted in the margin, I have the honour to forward a letter from Mr. H. R. Grimes, Superintendent of the Central Jail at Coimbatore, with thirty-seven enclosures.

2. Colonel Walker maintains—

I. That the dangerous nature of the platform was not pointed out to the Range Officer.

II. That at the time of the accident no water was supplied for building purposes, except what remained in the cisterns after the convicts had washed therein.

III. That it is preposterous to say that the use of the platform was forced upon the Jail officials by the Public Works Department.

IV. That labour was freely used by the Superintendent of the Jail for all sorts of works, especially those connected with the Municipality, even to the extent of non-compliance with Public Works Indents for labour, and that nothing has been done in hearty co-operation with the Public Works Agents.

3. With respect to the first point at issue, Mr. Grimes states that he spoke both to Lieutenant-Colonel Moberly and to Lieutenant Smith regarding the dangerous nature of the platform, and that both of these Officers showed him plans or sketches of apparata, on the completion of which the platform was to be removed. There can be no reason to doubt the correctness of this statement. Colonel Walker's denial has reference to the present Range Officer, who took charge only a short time previous to the occurrence of the accident, and has no application to the Officers above named. Moreover, when I wrote to Colonel Walker in November 1866, on the subject of the water supply generally, and also regarding the well in question, he stated in his reply: "Lieutenant Smith is meanwhile to adopt better "measures for emptying it of its present supply daily than have hitherto been "availed of, a point which I have frequently before pressed on the attention of his "predecessor, as well as of himself." All this may fairly be taken in support of Mr. Grimes' assertion, that the dangerous nature of the platform had been brought to the notice of the Public Works Officers, and it has been shown that Colonel Walker had frequently called their attention to the matter. Why nothing was done does not clearly appear; but it would seem that the apparatus recommended by Colonel Moberly in supersession of the platform was not approved of.

4. The second and fourth allegations appear to be satisfactorily disposed of by Mr. Grimes.

5. With regard to the third point, although it cannot be said that the use of the platform was positively forced upon the Jail officials, it is evident that it was constructed under Lieutenant-Colonel Moberly's orders for the purpose of widening the well, which had not been made over to the Jail at the time of the accident, nor was it in a condition to be made over. It was at that time the only well in the Jail

from which water could be obtained, and it was therefore necessarily made use of by both departments, viz., by the prisoners for bathing, and by the Public Works Officers for building.

6. I must now advert to Colonel Walker's personal attack upon myself and upon Mr. Grimes, which is couched in discourteous and offensive language, such as is not permissible in official correspondence. It will be observed that while Colonel Walker professes a desire to avoid unpleasant recriminations, he goes out of his way to import matter into his letter which is quite irrelevant to the question under reference, and as if for the express purpose of making use of the language complained of. My report to Government regarding the accident was as brief as possible, and will not fairly bear the construction put upon it by Colonel Walker in his letter of the 29th June. I mentioned that the well had not been built up, and also showed that Colonel Walker's instructions to Lieutenant Smith, regarding the adoption of another manner of drawing water, had not been carried out. I do not see how I could have said less. Colonel Walker, having first charged me with being determined to put the Public Works Agents in the wrong, proceeds in the 8th paragraph of his letter to find fault with me for not mentioning any other suggestions, and for not admitting how frankly every other suggestion made by me had been acted upon. I do not see the force or object of this remark. I was reporting upon a special matter and confined myself thereto; but as Colonel Walker has thought fit to raise the question, I beg to say that I could not have made any such admission.

7. With regard to the insufficient supply of convict labour, I beg to state that the two complaints of this kind brought to my notice by Colonel Walker were immediately investigated, and that I was perfectly satisfied with the explanation of the Superintendent. The correspondence can be submitted, if required, as well as that connected with the question of water supply to the Jail.

8. With regard to the statement contained in Major Farewell's letter of the 4th February, to the effect that the Range Officer had received instructions to carry out any alterations of which I would give a written memorandum, I beg to state that I never understood this, and that to the best of my belief no such communication was ever made to me. It will be observed from the enclosed correspondence, that Colonel Walker does not positively assert that it was so, and Mr. Grimes informs me that he was quite ignorant that any such instructions had ever been given to the Range Officer. It seems obvious that if I had been aware that alterations desired by me could be carried out on the spot, simply on my written requisition, I would not have taken up the time of Government by referring for orders.

Public Works Department, 11th February 1868.

9. Why Colonel Walker should take this opportunity to sneer at Mr. Grimes with respect to the water wheel I cannot say. It seems to me quite uncalled for, and not calculated for the good of the public service. I can say for my own part that I have abstained from corresponding with Colonel Walker as much as possible, owing to the style of his letters, for although personally courteous he appears unable to put pen to paper without saying something disagreeable which might have been avoided.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 6th March 1869.

From the Superintendent of Central Jail, Coimbatore, to the Inspector General of Jails, Ootacamund, dated Coimbatore, 30th July 1868, No. 81.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, No. 795, dated 23rd instant, forwarding me the Order of Government marginally noted, in which you call upon me to forward any observations on the letter of the Superintending Engineer, and his assistant, I may desire to offer. Eighteen months have nearly elapsed since the circumstances occurred to which Colonel Walker, the Superintending Engineer of the 7th Division refers, it is therefore difficult for me to recall to memory all the circumstances that happened at that time, I will endeavour, however, to clear myself from the grave charges brought against me by Colonel Walker.

Proceedings of Government, (Public Works Department,) dated 18th July 1868, No. 424.

In the 4th paragraph of Colonel Walker's letter to Government, he distinctly denies that the dangerous nature of the platform in the large well had been repeatedly pointed out by me to the Range Officer. I regret to say there is no written representation on record, but I can distinctly state that such representations were made both to Lieutenant Colonel Moberly and Lieutenant Smith.

When I took charge of the Central Jail in April 1866, Lieutenant Colonel Moberly was then Executive Engineer, there were 192 prisoners in the Jail, of whom 124 were employed by the Public Works Department, twenty-four of this number consisted of the Jail well gang at the large well; at that time the only well in the Jail, part of this gang drew water on a platform situated 40 feet or thereabouts down the well, the water was again drawn to the top by the remainder of the gang, there was no railing round the mouth of the well, or round the aperture of the platform. The water was drawn principally for building purposes, and was carried from the well to two sunk cisterns in yards, No. 6 and 8, there was also a sunk cistern in the same yard in which the well is situated, viz. No. 5 yard; this cistern was filled by means of a channel from the mouth of the well after the days work, the convicts were taken to these cisterns to wash in the water that remained after supplying the works. These cisterns were only thoroughly emptied and cleaned once a week. The great amount of labour wasted in this mode of drawing the water and the danger of the platform often occurred to me, and I remember on one occasion talking about it to Lieutenant Colonel Moberly who was generally in the Jail at the same time as myself; that is in the mornings. Colonel Moberly then informed me, that he was having an apparatus constructed consisting of an endless band with iron buckets somewhat similar to a dredging machine, and that as soon as it was completed, the platform in the well would be done away with. I saw the model of this apparatus at the time, the buckets intended for it were in the Public Works Store-room at the Jail as late as the month of December 1867. I believe Colonel Walker did not approve of Lieutenant Colonel Moberly's apparatus, it was never erected. During Lieutenant Colonel Moberly's time only two written communications passed between us, we generally communicated personally at our visits to the Jail.

Lieutenant Smith succeeded Lieutenant Colonel Moberly in August 1866, the same system of drawing water from the well was in force. Lieutenant Smith was constantly in the Jail every morning at the same time as myself and in the month of October 1866, transferred his office from the town to one of the upper rooms in the central Warder adjoining my office, thus again any communications that passed between us were made personally. I again brought to Lieutenant Smith's notice the great waste of labour there was in drawing water, and the dangerous state of the platform, and again I was shown a rough sketch of an apparatus he intended to construct, this was something similar to a tread mill. I recollect being much struck with it owing to the labour it would require fully coming up to the general idea of "hard labour," and such labour being utilized, however nothing was done.

Lieutenant Smith left this district in January 1867, during his charge of the works, the platform in the well was taken up and repaired by the Public Works Department, this was done on the 4th September 1866, as the following entry occurs in my Official Journal. "The platform in the Jail well has been under repair this day, therefore there has been no water

"drawn, and no water for the prisoners to bathe in." Mr. Roberts succeeded Lieutenant Smith, and had only been in charge of the Range and the Central Jail works a short time, when the accident at the well occurred, this I can prove from the correspondence on record as the last letter I received officially from Lieutenant Smith is dated 18th January 1867. I replied to this on the 25th January, addressing it to Mr Roberts the accident occurred on the 4th February, at which time I was but slightly acquainted with Mr. Roberts, and certainly had never spoken to him either officially or otherwise on matters connected with the Jail.

Mr. Roberts is therefore correct in his statement that no representations were made to him, but I think the following entry in my journal written on the day the accident occurred, proves that representations were made to the former Executive Officers regarding the dangerous state of the platform.

"The appliances for drawing water from this well are very bad, and although it has been "frequently represented to the Engineer Officers, no steps have as yet been taken to remedy this. "The well is immensely deep and large, about 40 feet down it, a platform is erected, on which "convicts stand and draw the water with buckets and ropes merely by hand, there is no protec- "tion such as a railing on this platform, and it is only providential that no accident has happened "before. The Supervisor of the Department Public Works, visited the well and proposed placing a "platform at the top of the well by placing two large beams across it, and erecting a large wheel, "which is what I have long proposed, he promised to get the permission of the Executive Officer "to supply the beams, and I have undertaken to supply all the labour required. If the Executive "Engineer does not agree to supply the requisite timber, I have determined to purchase it myself "and put the work in hand immediately, a better and safer system ought to have been established "long ago."

I regret now that all my representations on various subjects were not made officially in writing. In the 5th paragraph of the Proceedings of Government under reply, Colonel Walker states, that the water was drawn for Jail purposes, and not for Jail works. Mr. Roberts in the last sentence of his letter to Colonel Walker dated 23rd May 1868, No. 97, also states "as far as I can ascertain, we have never in my time been allowed to use water from this well for building purposes."

In reply to these statements, I beg to bring to your recollection that owing to the water in this well having been twice reported upon by the Chemical Examiner as unfit for cooking and drinking purposes, all water required for these purposes was drawn from a well in the town, and latterly from Mr. Grants well : a gang of fifty convicts being detailed daily, on this account from April 1866 until the 17th June 1867, on which date, I commenced, with your sanction, to use the water in the Jail wells for every purpose. The whole of the water drawn from the Jail well was not taken for the convicts to bathe in, the water was supplied for building purposes in addition to bathing, this can be proved from the indents of the Public Works Department for convict labour, some of which I now forward, these indents have been filed from the 9th November 1866 up to the 22nd July 1868, and in nearly every one of them, a gang has been indented for drawing water. In the early indents, a well gang was specially indented for, in addition to gangs supplying water to the various works, but this was discontinued by my order as I informed the Overseer of the works, that the well gang would be always a standing one, and he was in future to indent for convicts for supplying water only.

Thirty Indents for convict labour of various dates from the 9th November 1866 to the 6th July 1868, signed by different subordinates of the Public Works Department.

I would ask Mr. Roberts with reference to his statements, where the water came from ? as at the time of the accident, there was only one well at the Jail which supplied any water, and gangs were not sent outside the Jail for this purpose except the gang for the drinking water. The well was thus used by the Public Works Department as much as by the Jail Department. The system of drawing water from the platform had never been altered from the commencement up to the date of the accident, and Dr. Davis who is now the Medical Officer of the Jail, and had executive charge of it prior to my being appointed, can corroborate my statement, that the system originated with the Public Works Department, and was in force when he handed over charge of the Jail.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 6th March 1869.

With reference to the last part of paragraph under reply, the want of a railing round the aperture in the platform, and not round the upper surface of the well only was remarked upon by the Head Assistant Magistrate, for he went on to the platform and examined it himself.

In paragraph 6, Colonel Walker remarks that convict labour has been used by me for all sorts of works, specially those connected with the Municipality, even to the extent of non-compliance with Public Works Indents for labour.

I beg that the indents of the Public Works Department may be compared with the daily report of the distribution of convict labour. It will be seen that on no occasion was the indent not complied with. Convict labour when available was always supplied to the Public Works Department, and every other work, except the conservancy of the Jail, and the manufactory, which principally supplied the clothing, had to give away to this. Two gangs of convicts were sent from the Central Jail for a few days, commencing from the 2nd January 1867, to build some Toll Gate houses for the Municipality in the vicinity of the Jail ; but these gangs in no way interfered with the demand of the Public Works Department, as you will observe from the indents of the Public Works Department, and from the copies of daily report now forwarded. On the 2nd January, the Public Works Department indented for 264 convicts ; the daily report shows that 284 were supplied, being twenty in excess of the indent ; the 3rd January 344 convicts were indented for, 335 were supplied. The number of convicts in the Jail on these dates amounted to 682 ; and as the Public Works Department could not employ them all, I had to find employment for the remainder, with the exception of building these Toll houses. The Convicts in the Central Jail were never employed on Municipal works ; convict labor for this purpose was always given from the District Jail. Even this was discontinued in June 1867, when every available convict from both Central and District Jails was worked up at the Central Jail. I beg to forward copies of a correspondence between Mr. Roberts, the Range Officer, and myself, which I think will show that instead of there not being a hearty cooperation with the Public Works Agents, I have endeavoured to the utmost to meet, and more than to meet their demands for labour. In reply to paragraph 7, I can only state that up to the date of the accident, February 4th, 1867, my suggestions to put up a wheel had not been listened to ; the wheel was put up after I had reported the accident to you, which report was dated the 8th February ; water was not drawn from the well by this wheel until a month after the accident had occurred, for there is an entry to that effect in the journal of the 4th March.

Copies from the Daily Report of distribution of Jail labour, dated 2nd and 3rd June 1867 with Indents for convict labour on account of Public Works Department attached.

No. 239, dated 13th April 1867 from Assistant Engineer to Superintendent Central Jail.
No. 72 from Superintendent, dated 15th April 1867, to Assistant Engineer.
No. 253, dated 25th July 1867, from Assistant Engineer.
No. 130, dated 27th July 1867, from Superintendent Central Jail.

I certainly was never under the impression that I could do what I pleased in the matter of devising apparatus for drawing water as long as the Public Works Department had charge of the works in the Jail, and I made no alterations in either of the plans adopted by the Public Works Department until after October, when Mr. Roberts officially intimated that he was prepared to hand over the Jail as completed.

I do not presume to have any knowledge of Engineering. The model which Colonel Walker refers to was copied from "Cressy's Encyclopedia" of Engineering, a similar design having been also sent to me by the Superintendent of the Central Jail at Rajahmundry, in the District Jail of which town the apparatus has long been in use. The apparatus has been applied to the large well in this Jail, and has been at work since the 3rd January last. Major Farewell upon his official visit to the Jail on the 29th January saw it in work, and remarked that the diameter of the capstan was too small to be of any use ; he recommended that it should be increased to three feet ; this was done, and the apparatus has been in continuous work ever since the month of March last. Formerly a gang of thirty convicts was required for the well ; a gang of ten now suffices.

There remains only one point on which I wish to remark, viz., Mr. Roberts' statement that water was only allowed for building purposes, which had been used by the convicts for bathing, and therefore the masons refused to use it. During the time Lieutenant Colonel Moberly and

Lieutenant Smith had charge of the works, the masons used the water without complaint from the only cisterns there were in the Jail, in which cisterns the convicts bathed daily. As water increased in the wells, fresh water was always supplied for the masons; and it was not until the 15th February 1867, that any difficulty occurred with regard to the supply. On this date I find the following entry in the journal :—" The Jailer reports that No. 1 well is emptied by 3-45, and very little " water for the prisoners to bathe with in the cistern in No 5 yard, the buildings take a large " quantity of water ; as soon as the Jail water casks are ready, those now in use will be given over " to the Department Public Works, and they will have to supply themselves with water". On this date there were 710 convicts in the Jail who were required to bathe daily ; there was only the large well giving any supply of water, and three bathing cisterns, one a brick and chunam one, and two smaller ones dug in the ground, and paved with stones. Under these circumstances, I do not think it was an extraordinary request on my part that the masons should use the bathing water especially as they had done so previously.

I can only add that every individual connected with the Jail, both Public Works Subordinates, and Jail Subordinates can testify that water from the well has been supplied whenever available for building purposes ; [illegible] although a gang has not been specially indented for, the well for some months, other gangs have [illegible] indented for to supply water to the buildings.

No. 210. ORDER THEREON, 6th March 1869, No. 740.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 20.

1. The Government entertain no doubt that the Superintendent of the Central Jail at Coimbatore made repeated representations to the Range Officers successively employed with reference to the dangerous charactor of the platform suspended in the well worked for building purposes, and for purposes of ablution. The Government cannot however exonerate Mr. Grimes entirely from all responsibility in connection with the fatal accident which eventually occurred. Mr. Grimes should have reiterated his representations to Mr. Roberts on the nomination of that gentleman to the charge of the Jail buildings, and, if he was convinced that the apparatus was absolutely dangerous to life, he ought to have removed the convicts at any sacrifice of labour and convenience from a position of so much risk.

2. The Government on the other hand are of opinion that Lieutenant Colonel Moberly and his immediate succcessor were seriously culpable in not having contrived and set up a safe and efficient apparatus for drawing water at an earlier period, and they consider that it was the duty of Colonel Walker, who states that he condemned the suspended stage, to have assured himself that the stage was actually removed and replaced by some appliance of a better character.

3. In reviewing the letter from Colonel Walker under date the 29th June 1868, No. 78, the Government are constrained to animadvert upon the ironical and irritating terms in which portions of it are couched. The Government have so often remarked upon similar errors in the official correspondence of this Officer that they deem it their duty now to affirm that any future provocation offered by Colonel Walker to other departments of the public service or to members of his own, will be regarded as a ground for the most serious manifestation of the displeasure of Government.

4. The Government consider that the imputations cast upon Mr. Grimes by Colonel Walker with reference to an alleged want of readiness to supply convict

labour and a want of good will in cooperating with the Officers of the Department Public Works are not justified by any thing that is discovered in this correspondence.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) CHARLES A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Inspector General of Jails.
,, Superintending Engineer, 7th Division.
,, Judicial Department.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.

Govt. of {1869} Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To

THE INSPECTOR GENERAL OF JAILS.

&c., &c., &c.

Dated March, 6th.

Recd. *Encl.*

G. O., 6th March 1869, *No.* 740.

MARCH.

Nos. 209-210

Accident.—Passing orders on the letter from the Inspector General of Jails submitting the explanation called for from the Superintendent of the Central Jail at Coimbatore in connection with a fatal accident which befell a convict on the 4th February 1867.

No 166

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From
Lieutt Colb: W. J. Wilson
Inspector General of Jails
To Colonel C. A. Orr. R. E.
Secretary to Government
Public Wors Department
Fort Saint George

Sir,

P. W. D.
18th Jul, 1868
No 2292

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I have the honor to be
Your most obedt Servt.
[signature]
Inspr. Genl. of Jails

Madras
21st Jany. 1869

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From the Insp. Genl. of Jails
To The Secy. to Govt.
P. W. Deptt.
Fort St. George 26th Jany/69.

Dated 21st
Recd. 22nd Jany/69

No 166
No 740 - 6th March 1869.

Forwards letter of
Supt. Central Jail
Coimbatore with reference
to G.O. P.W.D. 18th July
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Col. R.E.
Secy to Govt. P.W.D.

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Memo - of - Prisoner required for gail work - D.P.W.

Description of - Work	No
Dra to - Draw water from Jail well No 1	30
Do to - Dig the well No 2	8
Do to - Errect new kiln out side of Jail	50
Do to - Coveying Bricks for Do	50
Do to - Cleaning yards	20
Do to - Excavating foundation for mill	20
Do to - Convicts Bricklayers for Do	8
Do to - Attendands for - Do Do	16
Do to - Grinding Chunnam at 3 mill	42
Do to - Attendands to 3 Bullack mill	30
Do to - Measuring & mixing ~~Sand~~ & chunnam	30
Do to - Attendands to Bricklayers at Haspital	30
Do to - Suplying morter and water	40

Rupees.

Memorandum of Prisoners required for the Jail work on the 13th November 1866 -

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Work	No.	Remarks
Drawing water from Jail wells	30	
Digging the well No. 2 -	8	
Chunnam Mills	50	
Measuring Chunam & shand	10	
Gathering shand from yards	50	
Attendands at gaurd room &c	10	
Total	158	

Coimbatore
12th November 1866

S. [illegible]
Superintend

Do	Do -	Conveying rough Stone for Hospital	50
Do	Do -	Cistern water -	10
		Total	434

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C. J.

Memorandum of Prisoners Required for Jail Work on 17th November 1866.

		Description of Labor	No.
For do.		Drawing water from the Jail Well No. 1	30
Do	do.	Dig the Well No 2	8
For	do.	Errect a new Kiln out side	50
do	do	Repairing the 4 Kilns which are around the Jail	50
do	do	Grinding Chunam at 3 Mills	50
do	do	Measuring Sand & Chunam in & outside	20
For	do.	Attendands to Bricklayers out side	50
do	do	Conveying Chunam to do. — do.	10
do	do	Suplying Water from in side to outside	20
do	do	Dig foundation to another Mill	10
For	do	Gather the Sand from yards to one	50
do	do	Digging foundation to Cistern	10
		Total	358

Central Jail Coimbatore
16th November 1866.

J. [illegible]

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Memorandum of Prisoners required for the Jail Wa— on 19th November 1866

Description of Labor		No
For to	Drawing Water from Jail Well No 1	30
For to	Dig the Well No 2	8
For to	Erect the new Kiln out side of Jail	50
For to	repairing to Kiln which are around the Jail	50
For to	Grinding Chunnam at 5 mill	70
For to	Dig foundation for 3 more mills	30
For to	measuring Shand & Chunam	10
For to	Attendands to Contractors Brick layers	50
For to	Conveying Chunam to Do	20
For to	Suploying Water from in side to Do	20
For to	Attandands to gaurd room works	10
For to	Gathering Shand from yarda ane	50
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17th November 1866 S Iruvaiappe

Memorandum of Prisoners Required for Central Jail works on 23rd November 1866 - LSW -

	Description of Labor	No	
For do -	Drawing water from the well No 1 -	30	28
do do -	Dig the well No 2 -	8	7
do do -	Errect new kiln out side of jail	50	36
do do -	Conveying Bricks for - do - do do -	50	50
do do -	Clearing yards - in	20	15
do do -	Excavating foundation for 3 - mill near the Hospital out side	30	
do do -	Grinding Chunam at 3 - mills	42	
do do -	Attendants for - 3 - Bullock mill	12	12
do do -	Measuring Sand and Mixing sand & Chunam	30	21
do do -	Conveying Timber from - out side of inner gate do in side -	30	36
do do -	Attendants to Contractor Bricklayers at Hospital	26	
do do -	Supplying water for do - do -	16	
do do -	do - Morter for - do - do -	14	198
do do -	do - Rough stone for - do - do -	50	
do do -	Cistern work -	10	
		418	

Central Jail Coimbatore
22nd November 1866 } S. Mauriappen

Memo of Convicts required for D.P.W. on the 12th April 1867 — Central Jail

57

Description of work			No. of Convicts	Remarks
4 Bricklayers and 12 attendants at yard No.	4		16	
4 Do 12 Do Do	9		16	
4 Do 18 Do at E.R. Barrack			22	
To attend on Carpenters	Do		12	13
To grind red earth and to red wash			25	
10 Bricklayers and 12 attendants at juvenile ward			22	
To carry mortar & to attend on Carpenters			12	13
To attend on Bullock mill at female ward			15	
4 Bricklayers & 10 attendants at Do			14	
To attend on Bricklayers & to white wash			20	
To attend on Do & to carry water at Hospital			50	
To Do Do at Latrine No. I			50	
To Do Do at Do No. II			35	
To Do B. Mill & to measure C. & Lan east side.	Do		20	
To Do Do Do west side.	Do		20	
Do Pound mortar near guard room outside			30	
To work at work at well No. 3. outside			10	12
To attend on sundries work			20	
			409	

11th April 1867 } [signature]

Memo of Convicts required on 29th March 1867 for D.P.W. Central Jail at Coimbatore.

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Description of work	No. of Convicts	Remarks
6 Bricklayers and 10 attendants to work at B R Unandal	16	
6 D° and 10 do at Cistern	16	
For to carry mortar and stones for D°	22	
D° to dig foundation for Cistern in yard No. 4 & 9	30	
D° to attend on Carpenters at 8 Roomed-Barrack	50	2½
D° do on Bullock mills at Female ward	15	
12 D° to level the floor of female ward	20	
6 Bricklayers and 20 attendants at Female ward	20	12
For to attend on Bricklayers at Hospital	26	
D° to carry water & to attend on mills	35	
D° to rub Bricks & for scaffolding	40	
D° pound mortar & to measure L & S near Guard Room	25	
	35	
	328	

Coimbatore
28 March /67

A. Anandaprecasum

Memo of Convicts required on 28 March 1867 for D.P.W. for Central Jail work

53

Description of work	No of Convicts	Remarks
×6 Bricklayers and 15 attendants to work at B. R. Veran	21	×
6 D° and 15 D° D° at Cistern	21	+
For to attend on Carpenters at 8 roomed Barrack	18	+
× D° to dig foundation at Juvenile ward	25	+
× D° to Count and Stack flat tiles at D°	15	×
× 6 Bricklayers and 15 attendants to work at F. Ward	21	×
For to attend on Bullock Mill at Female ward	15	+
× D° D° on Bricklayers at D°	25	×
× D° D° on D° at Hospital	40	×
× D° D° on Bullock Mill at D°	35	+
× D° × to Carry water & Scaffolding D°	20	√ ×
For to cut bricks D°	20	√
× For to measure Lime and Sand & to pound near Guard room	40	
	316	

Coimbatore
27 March /67

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Number of Convicts required for jail work on the 11th March 1807 – C Jail

Description of work		
For Attending on Bricklayers at Laterine	30	
Do. Do on 2. Bullock mills Do	10	13
Do Excavating foundation for Do	30	28
For to attend on 2. Bullock mill at H ward [illegible]	10	
4. Bricklayers and 10. attendants at female ward	14	
To convey water for Do	10	12
For to attend on Bricklayers at Hospital	60	
For to Carry water Do	10	
Do Do Attend on 3. Bullock Mills at Do	15	
Do Do Pound mortar at Laterine	30	
Do Do Attend on Bricklayers at feamale ward	40	
Do Do Do Do at Laterine	16	
	275	
Do Do Do on Carpenters at 2nd & womens Barrack	10	
Do Do dig foundation for Bengal roof varandah inside	20	
	305	

9th March 1807

A. Anandapogasue [?]
Storekeeper

[…] of Prisoners require for Jail work on 8/2/67

Description of Labor			No.
Attending on Bricklayers	at	Hospital	50
Do on 4 Bullockmills	at	Do	20
Do Convey rough stone	at	Do	20
Do Supply water	Do.	Do	15
Do Convey morter from hospital	Do	Latrine	20
Attending on Bricklayers at		Do	20
Do on 2 Bullockmills at		Do	10
Do ~~Convey~~ Supply water at		Do	10
Excavating Foundation for		Do	~~100~~ 50
Attending on Carpenter & Bricklayers at		S. R. Bks	15
Flooring with jelly Do		Do	20
Do 4 Bricklayers & 20 Attendands to		Female ward	30
Attending on 2 Bullockmills at		Do	10
Do Supply water for mills &c at		Do	15
Do measure sand & mix it with lime at 3 places at hospital Female ward & Latrine			20
Do Convey timbers from store yard to yard with No. 2			
		Total	3[…]

7/2/67
Central Jail

S. Mouriappen
Supt. C. J.

Memo of Convicts Required for D.P.W. on the 5 February 1867 Gaol

Description of work	No	Remarks
Attendants for Bricklayer at Hospital	30	47
Do for 2 Bullock Mill at Do	10	
Drawing water for Do	15	
Measuring sand and Chunnam at Do	10	65
Do Do Do at female ward yard	"	40
Attendants for Bricklayer at female cook room	20	105
Convict Bricklayer to work at Do Do	4	
Digging foundation at Latrine	100	
To Dig foundation for 4 Mills at Latrine	30	130
Attendants to Carpenters at 8 roomed Barrack	12	
~~To Grind Morter in Mills at female ward~~		4
Attendants at 2 Bullock Mill at female ward	10	
Conveying Rough stone to Hospital	40	
Total	281	

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4th February 1867
Gaol

Annaaswegasmi
Storekeeper D.P.W.

memo of Prisoners required for Jail work on 4/2/67

	Description of Labor	No
For +	To Attending on Contractors Bricklayers at Hospital	30
Do +	To do on 4 Bullock mills at do	20
Do +	To measure sand & mix it with lime at do	10
Do +	Attending on 2 Bullock mills at Female ward	15
Do	Excavating Foundation for Latrine	150
Do +	Attending on Carpenters & Bricklayers at 8 K. B. No 1	15
Do +	To Supply Water for mills &c at Hospital	10
Do +	Excavating Foundation for Cistern inside	10
Do +	Flooring with [illegible] to [illegible] K. B. No 1	20
Do +	Erecting Blacksmith shed out side	10
Do +	To Scaffolding outer wall of hospital	10
	Total	300

2/2/67

S. [illegible]
Supt. C. J.

On this day the accident occurred

[illegible]

Memo of Prisoners required for gail work on 31/1/67 D.P.W.

	Description of Labor		No
For	Attending to Bricklayers at	Latrine	30
Do	Convey Morter from hospital to	Do	6
Do	Supply Water for	Do	10
Do	Attending to 4 Bullockmills at	Hospital	20
Do	Measure sand & mix with lime at	Do	10
Do	Supply Water for mills &c. at	Do	20
10	Bricklayers and 20 Attendand to Female ward		30
Do	Attending to Carpenter at 8 R-B-No 1		6
Do	Do ~~Carpenter~~ Bricklayer at	Do	6
4	Bricklayers & 10 Attendands to Drain work		14
For	Scaffolding to 8 R-B-No 1		10
		Total	162

30/1/67
Central Jail

S. Mancrappers[?]
Supt. C. J.

[illegible] of Convicts [illegible]
[illegible] to supply [illegible]
[illegible]

For	Attending to Carpenters at female ward	20
Do	Attending do Bricklayers at Gaurd room	15
Do	Attending do 8 room Barrack No 1	40
	6 Bricklayers Convicts and 14 Attendands for do	20
	28/12/66 Total	355

Central Jail

S. Mauriappen
C. J.

Memo of Prisoners required for gail work on 29/12/66-

	Description of Labor	No.
For	Attending to Bricklayers at hospital	20
do-	Conveying rough stone to - Do	20
Do	Supply mortar 20- & water 10 for hospital	30
Do-	Scaffolding to outer wall of Do	20
Do.	Excavating foundation for 2. mill at Do-	10
Do	Erecting Chunnam shed at hospital-	20
Do-	Attending for 2- Bullock mills at hospital	10
Do-	measuring sand & mix with lime at Do	10
do-	Attending to Bricklayers at Store room	80
do-	Flooring with gully to - Store room	20
Do	Breaking gully for Store room	30
do-	Attending for 2- Bullock mills - 1- at female ward - 1- at store room	10
Do	Conveying sand from Store room to female ward- and mix with lime	20

Cerrecting shed for chinaqont side
Do Attending to Blacksmiths
Do A Store room upper}
Do Convey Rough Stone to Hospital
Do Attending to Bricklayer at Guard room }
Do Do at female ward
Total 31
Central Jail 27/12/66 }
L. Mauvappe

No. of Prisoners Required for use of Jail Works Oct 28/12/66 D.P.W.

Description of Labor	No.
Attending to Brick layers at hospital	20
Do do Store Room	50
Do for Bullock Mill, & at hospital	20
measuring Sand & mix with Lime	20
Attending to 8 room Barrack No 1	40
Scaffolding the hospital outer wall	20
Supply mortar & water to hospital 20 with 8 Carts or 50 without Carts	50
6 Bricklayers 14 attendants for 8 room Br	20
Excavating foundation for 2 - hill out side	20

For do- Clean store room & level — 20

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Memorandum of Prisoner required for jail work on 8/12/66 – D.P.W.

	Description of Labor.	No.
For do	Draw water from well No. 1	30
Do do	Dig the well No. 2	8
Do do	Attend to Bullock mill	8
Do do	Clean yard near female ward	50
Do do	Attend to Bricklayers at hospital	36
Do do	Supply water to do	20
Do do	Supply mortar	25
Do do	Attend to carpenter "	30
Do do	Roofing [illegible] room – Barrack No 2	50
Do do	Convey timber from store room yard to in side	50
	Total	307

Central jail
7/12/66

S. Mauriappen
C. J.

Turn the other side

Memorandum of Prisoners required for Jail work on 7/12/66 – D.P.W.

For		Description of Labor	No
For	do	Draw water from well No 1	30
Do	do	Dig the well No 2	8
Do	do	Attend to Bullock Mill	10
Do	do	Clean yard near femal ward	50
Do	do	Attend to Bricklayers at hospital	36
do	do	Supply morter – – – – –	12
Do	do	Supply Water – – – – –	20
do	do	Roof on 8 room Barrack No 2 –	50
		total	216

Central Jail
6/12/66 –

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Memorandum of Prisoners required for Jail work on 6th December 1866

	Description of Labor	No	
For &c.	Draw water from well No 1	30	
Do Do	Dig the well No 2.	8	
Do Do	Attend for Bullock mill	40	
Do Do	Clean yard near female ward	50	
Do Do	White washing [illegible] rooms	12	
Do Do	Attend to Bricklayers at hospital	30	
Do Do	Supply water for do	25	
Do Do	Supply morter for do	25	2 Carts 12
Do Do	Errect shed on Groom Barrack	30	
Do Do	Make rope lader for Jail Wells	4	
Do Do	Convey well Brickes from out side to in side	6	Rajagopal
	total	266	

Central Jail

5th December 1866

C. J. Mauriappen

C. J.

		278
	for to Attendants to Bricklayer at female ward	10
To	work at Line Ditch	20
	grand total	408

Central Jail
6th December 1866

Superintendent
C. J.

Memorandum of Prisoners Required for jail work on 5th December 1866-

	Description of Labor	No.	
For do -	Draw water from well No. 1		31
do do	Dig the well No. 2	30	28 X
Do do	Grind morter	8	
Do do	Attend for 4 Bullock mill	28	
Do do	Measure sand & mix with lime	24	
Do do	Clean yard near female ward	50	41
Do do -	Convey rough stone to hospital	50	
	Convicts Bricklayers (2) - & Attendants to - do		
	Mend scaffolding hole & white wash guard room	12	
For do -	Attend to Bricklayers at hospital		
Do do -	Supply morter & water	36	
Do do	Attend to carpenter & convey Bamboos	50	53 X
	and leaves from out side to - Barrack No 2	20	14
Do do -	Erect temporary shed on Barrack No 2	20	
		378	

Central Jail

4th December 1866 Shunmugappen

Turn over C. J.

Memorandum of Prisoners Required for Jail work on 3rd December 1866

Description of Labor	No.
For. do — Draw water from well No 1	
Do do Dig the well No 2.	30
do — do — Grind morter at 2 mill	8
Do do Attend to 3 Bullock mill	28
do do — Measure sand and mix with lime	24
do do — Clean yard of female ward	30
do do Cistren work	50
do do Convey Rough stone to hospital	10
do do — Gaurd room work or levelling floor	50
do do — Attend to Bricklayers at hospital	50
do do — Supply morter (25) — do — for water (25)	30
do do. Attend to carpenter, in side	50
do do — Errect Temparory shed at Bathroom Barrack No 2 —	20
do do Attendends for 1 Bullock mill at store room yard for another centry	30
	14
	424

Central Jail 1st December 1866 J. Mauricopper

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[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
	[illegible]	[illegible]
	[illegible]	[illegible] do
	[illegible]	[illegible]
	[illegible]	[illegible]

Memo of Convicts required for D P W on 4 June 1867

Particulars	Nos req[d]
6 Bricklayers and 20 attendants in Matrons Quarters	26
14 Do and 20 Do & 2 Stone Cutters in Powder Mag	44
Attendants on bricklayers & 10 Carpenters attendants in Double Worksheds	30
To Carrying wood from Workshed to Batome	17 (32)
To Do Mortar stones &c &c	13
To Carrying water in the Cells Inside	11
To Do Do in the Cells Outside	22
To attend on Bullock Mill at the gate	16
To attend on Batome No 1	25
To Do on Do " 2	30
To Bullock Mill at the Batome East side	18
To attend on Carpenters at Batome	15
To attend on Do at Hospital	12
Bricklayer attendants in Store room Hospital	20
To flooring the Small Hospital	25
6 Bricklayers and 12 attendants in Dead room Hospl	18
To work at walls No 3	8
To remove the Materials of the Carpenters workshop from the Jail Outside	15
To sorting Tiles	15
To floor the Privy and Cooking shed Hospital	20
	4
Total Convicts	400

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3 June 18[illegible]

385
332
52 [illegible]

Memo of Convicts required D.P.W. on 5 June 1867

Particulars	No. Req^d
4 Bricklayers and 20 attendants in Matrons Quarters	24
16 — D^o — and 25 — D^o in Invalid Ward	5
and 8 Carpenters attendants	49
Attendants on Bricklayers on Double Verandah	30
For Carrying wood from the workshed to Latrine & Hosp^l and to remove the materials of the shed to outside	30
For Carrying Mortar, stones &c.	13
For Carrying water in the Casks Inside	11
For — D^o — water in the D^o Outside	29
To attend on Bullock Mill at the gate	16
To attend on Latrine No. 1	25
To attend on — D^o — No. 2	30
To Bullock Mill at the Latrine E.S.	18
To attend on Carpenters at ~~Hosp^t~~ Latrine	15
To — D^o — D^o — at Hospital	12
1 Bricklayer attendants in Store room D^o	18
To flooring & trimming the small Hospital	25
To fill up scaffolding holes at Dead room Hosp^t 6 Bricklayers and 12 attendants	18
To work at well No. 3	8
To attend on Bullock Mill at Hospital	22
To sorting Tiles ~~at Hospital~~	15
Total Convicts req^d	401

Countersigned
[illegible]
4 June 1867

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Storekeeper

Memo of Convicts required for D P W on 6 June 1867

Particulars of Work	No. Reqd
To attend on Matron's Quarter	15
20 Bricklayers & 40 Attendts Juvenile ward	60
To floor & level Work Shed No	30
For carrying wood from Work Shed to Latrine Hospital	25
For carrying Mortar & Stones &c	13
For Carrying mortar in Casks Inside	13
Do do Outside	22
To attend on B Mill @ Latrine &c	18
To Do Do at Gate	16
To Do on Latrine No 1	20
Do do Do No 2	30
Do on Carpenters at Latrine	15
Do Do at Hospital	12
Bricklayers attendants at Store Room	15
To floor & level the Small Hospital	25
4 Bricklayers & 10 attendts Do	14
To work at well No 3	8
To attend on B Mill at Hospital	22
To Cement tiles at Do	15
Bricklayers attendants on Double Workshed 3	20
Total 408	[illegible]

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5 June 1867

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Storekeeper

Washed Bonitty — 52

Flooring Washed 20 16

Boards, bricks,

No 3 — 18

No 2 — 91

Memo of Convicts required for D.P.W. on 8th June 1867

Particulars	No. Reqd.
4 Bricklayers and 20 attendants on Matron's Quarters and 15 attendants to clear rubbish &c adjoining D°	39
20 Bricklayers and 40 attendants in [illegible] ward and 8 Carpenter's attendants D°	68
Attendants on bricklayers on Double [illegible] D° to clear rubbish &c in D°	30
For Carrying wood from [illegible] to Hospital	30
For D° Mortar, stones &c	13
For D° water in the Cattle Yard	13
For D° water in the D° Outside	16
To attend on Bullock Mill at the gate	18
To attend on Lotera No. 1	15
To erect scaffolding attend on Carpenters and Masons [illegible] plates upon the pillars in Lotera No. 2	30
To attend on Bullock Mill at Lotera	18
To attend on Carpenters at Hospital	12
To D° on bricklayers in Dead house hospital	15
To D° on Bullock Mill at Hospital	22
To [illegible] Lilee Hospital	15
To level the ground opposite to [illegible] shed, the same batch as today may be [illegible]	30
To remove the Tiles for the Yard No. [illegible] to Hospital	20
To attend on Mill No. 3	8
Total Convicts	412

[illegible]
7 June 1867

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Warden

Memo of Convicts Reqd for D.P.W. on 16 July 1867

Particulars	No. Reqd
2 Stonecutters, 4 Bricklayers, 8 attendants for No. 5 yd Cistern	14
For carrying mortar and stones &c	11
For filling water in Casks inside	11
8 Bricklayers, 15 attendants for building pillars in Debtors Ward	23
4 Bricklayers, 14 attendants for whitewashing hospital	18
12 attendants for clearing woodwork of Do	12
For dismantling hospital wall	30
For stacking stones & clearing rubbish from Do	30
9 Bricklayers, 20 attendants for building outer wall of hospital	29
Bricklayers attendants for tiling latrine, & soaking tiles	25
For lifting tiles for latrine - roofing -	30
attendants for Earthwork of latrine flooring	25
For Bullock Mill No. 1	12
For erecting pallisades - attendants	20
For widening No. 3 well	20
For removing Earth taken from above well	25
For removing tiles from Juvenile ward, to latrine, stones &c	33
Total Convicts	368

Coimbatore
Central Jail
15 July 1867

Geo. P. Joyce
Overseer

26°	48 160	absent Muster
	"	Ditto

Reqn of Convicts reqd for D.P.W. for 25 July 1867

Particulars	No Reqd	69
6 Carpenters attendants, and 20 attendants for removing stones &c from Artificers ward to outer boundary wall	26	✓
8 Bricklayers 14 attendants for Cistern in female ward	22	✓
2 Bricklayers 8 attendants for fixing [illegible] pieces for bolting for excavating foundation for palisading &c	10	✓
14 Bricklayers 20 attendants for building pillars, fixing cut stone in laterine	34	✓
Attendants for preparing & [illegible] flooring of laterine,	10	✓
Bricklayers attendants for building pillars for palisading in laterine	10	✓
For carrying mortar & lime — female ward cistern	11	✓
For filling casks with water inside	11	✓
Bullock Mill No 1 — attendants —	14	✓
Do Do No 2 — Do	14	✓
For removing chunam from hospital & depositing the same where required	28	✓
For widening well No 3	20	✓
For removing earth & levelling yard in laterine	15	✓
Total Convicts	229	

Received [illegible] 24 July 1867 } 25 attendants reqd if available for removing loose earth taken from No 3 well.

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There does not appear to be earth enough to require removing.

Indent of Convicts required for D. P. W. on 25th February 1868

Particulars	No. reqd.
20 Convicts for Breaking and Levelling Road	20
22 Convicts for bringing Gravel from outside to inside	22
12 Convicts Spreading Gravel and Stamping Road	12
10 Convicts for Pulling down the Terrace Roof of Guard Room	10
15 Convicts for digging ditches around the outer wall	15
25 Ditto — Ditto — Ditto — of Latrine	25
8 Bricklayers 16 attendants for Building Drain	24
2 Blacksmith 1 Hammerman 1 Bellowman 1 Carpenter and 10 attendants removing Palisades and putting Scaffolding	15
15 Convicts Pounding Chunam at Latrine	15
11 Convicts with 2 Water Carts to supply water to Latrine and Roadwork	11
2 Carpenter 2 attendants fixing Glazed shutters to J. Hospital	4
Total Convicts	173

One hundred Seventy three Convicts only

Central Jail Stores
21st February 1868

[signature] C. E.
Asst. Engineer

[signature] Verthealo
Jail Accountant
D. P. W.

P.W. 3794

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Indent of Convicts required for Department Public Works on 28th February 1868

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Particulars	No. reqd.
15 Convicts Spreading Metal and Gravel and Stamping Road	15
15 Convicts Pulling down Terrace Roof of Guard Room	15
25 Convicts for digging ditches at Latrine	25
15 Convicts pounding Chunnam at Latrine	15
15 Convicts for digging ditches around the outer wall	15
18 Bricklayers & 35 attendants for building Drainage at Latrine	53
11 Convicts with 2 Water Carts for supplying water at Latrine and Main Road &c	11
4 Bricklayers & 8 attendants for Building Honey Comb brickwork at Hospital Cook house	12
3 Carpenters 6 attendants 2 Blacksmiths 1 Hammer man 1 Bellows man for fixing Wooden palisading	11
Total Convicts	172

Central Jail Stores
27th February 1868

W. D. Roberts
Asst. Engr.

C. Verthah
Jail Accountant
D. P. Jr.

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September	...	40	400	100	300	10
October	...	20	200	100	275	10
November	...	20	200	100	300	15
December	...	10	100	30	90	5
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January	...	50	375	100	300	10
February	...	10	100	3,920	11,760	20
March	...	20	200	120	360	300
April	...	20	200	...	...	300
May	...	20	200	50	150	100
June	...	48	336	...	...	80
	60	403	3,536	6,000	17,895	1,980

Indent of Convicts required for Department Public Works on 1st May 1868.

Particulars	No. reqd.
8 Bricklayers 22 attendants for upstair work	30
6 Ditto 10 attendants for Towerguard work	16
4 Bricklayers 2 Carpenters 30 attendants for Puleing down Guard Room Terracing work and Grinding Mortar &c	36
6 Bricklayers 12 attendants for Main Drain	18
6 Convicts for ~~Cutting~~ Mortar	6
6 Ditto for Supplying water	6
6 Ditto for Conveying Rough stone	6
2 Sawyers for Sawing Teakwood beam	2
Total Convicts	120

Total Convicts One hundred twenty

Central Jail Stores.
30th April 1868

W. Roberts
Assistant Engr.

C. Varthiah
Jail Accountant
D. P. W.

751

Indent of Convicts required for D. P. W. on the 7th July 1868

Particulars	No. reqd
7 Bricklayers 15 attendants for up stair work	22
3 Carpenters for Stair Case work	3
6 Convicts for Mortar and Water	6
This is the last indent for water [illegible] Supdt	
Total Convicts	31

Central Jail Works.
6th July 1868

C. Verthiste [illegible]
Jail Accountant

[illegible signature]
Assistant Engineer

30 Indents for Convict labor of various dates from the 9th Novr 1866 to the 6th July 1868. signed by different Subordinates of the P. W. Dept. same Countersigned by the Range officer.

P.W. 272/69.

Recd: 6th March /69 L. L. 209.

No 1947

To
Colonel Walker R.E.
Supt Engineer 7 Division
Cawnpore

Sir

Major Farewell Acty Supt Engineer has stated in a letter to Govt: dated 4th ultimo that he was personally in-formed by you that the Range Officer at Bundelcund had your instructions to carry out any alterations at the Central Jail of which he would give him a written Memorandum—

2. As I have not the slightest recollection of your ever having made any such communication to me I have the honor to request you will inform

Bd of the time was spent it is thought that you will favour me both a copy of the instructions sent to the Range Officer—

me of the time and place ~~[illegible]~~ it was
made, and that you will favor me
with a Copy of the instructions sent to
the Range Officer –

[illegible]

[illegible]

Madras
5 March /68.

No 1947

To

~~H. E.~~

Colonel Walker R.E.

Cimon.

No.

Dated 5th March /68.

P.W. 272/69.

Regarding a certain Statement made by Major Farewell.

No. 72.

From. H. R. Grimes Esqre

Superintendent of Central Jail

Coimbatore.

To. K. D. Roberts Esqre

Assistant Engineer

Coimbatore.

Sir. In reply to your letter dated 13th Instant. I have the honor to inform you that I am unable to allow you a gang of Convicts to draw water from the Central Jail, but will send 36 Convicts daily from the District Jail provided you will allow them at the close of the days work to take the water Carts to District Jail with them in order that there may be no delay in the morning as to their going to work.

I have the honor to be, &c.

(Sigd) H. R. Grimes.

Supt. of Central Jail.

Coimbatore

Centl Jail office

15th April 1867

N.B.

The number of water Carts required will be Six.

(True Copy)

Henry R. Grimes

Supert. of Central Jail

P.W. 272/69.

No 715 of 1868

Mysore PW Department
Central Office of Acct
Bangalore 21st March 68

From
The Offg Controller
PW Accts Mysore

To
The Actg Superintg Engineer
7th Division M. PW. Deptt

Sir,

In reply to your letter No 257 dated 19 March 68 I have the honor to inform you that I recollect receiving orders while in charge of the Coimbatore Range to effect any alterations Mr Rhode might wish in the Construction of the Central Jail, but I am under the impression that these orders were conveyed to me at the instance of the Madras Govt & if so, must of course have been communicated to me, by Colonel Walker. I regret I cannot at this distance of time quote orders but I have the impression, which, if correct, can be verified by the records of the Coimbatore Range Office, that written as well as verbal orders were received by me on this point. However this may be, foreseeing that some difficulty might arise I requested Mr Rhode on several

occasions to note in writing
and on the plan the alterations
he wished so that there might
be no after mistake, I must however
state that previous to my
leaving Coimbatore no very serious
alterations had been ordered
for so far as I recollect even
the substitution of stone for brick
in the outside enclosure wall,
which I recommended, was not
up to that time accepted.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most obedt. Servt.
D. H. Trail Lt. HE.
Offg. Civil Archt. Public Works
Mysore

Ent
GHW
S.J.

P.W.272/69.

…ment of Prisoners required for Jail work on 2nd/1/67

	Description of Labor	No	Ra
For	Attending to Bricklayers at store room	10	
Do	Do Do at hospital	20	
Do	Do to Carpenter at female ward	15	
Do	Do to 8 room Barrack No 1	30	
Do	Do for 4 Bullock mills, 2 out side	20	
Do	measure sand & ~~mix~~ with lime ~~in & out side~~	10	
Do	Convey rough stone to hospital	20	
Do	Do Do from store room to 8 room Barrack	10	
Do	Breaking jelly for gaurd room	30	
Do	Stone Cutter for gaurd room gate	2	
	Bricklayers, 12 & Attendands 30 for 8 R. B	42	
	Bricklayers, 6 & Attendands 15 for store room	21	
Do	Supplaying morter, 10, & water, 10, for hospital	20	
Do	Bricklayers, 4, & Attendands 10 for fix hills, at hospital	14	
		264	

1/1/67

Central Jail

J. Inaurdipper

Particulars	Jailor	Deputy Jailor	Writers	Head Warders	Warders	Convict Ma	Total	Rem
Total Prisoners Yesterday								
Increase							682	
Total								
Decrease							682	
ary 1867 Total								
							682	
ang								
ang	″	″	″		″	50		
8 Room Barrack No 1	″	″	″		″	50		
ants on Bricklayers at Hospital						30		
g Stones for Hospital						20		
ants on 4 Bullock Mills						20		
nts on Bricklayers at Store room						20		
ing Sand and Lime						12		
nts on Carpenters at Female Yard						11		
ng water and chunam for Hospital						15		
athing Prisoners cells No 3 Barrack						20		
ers & Attendants at 8 Room Barrack No 1						15		
tters at Guard room Gate						42		
g Stones for Guard room floor						2		
for cutting wood						30		
g water for Chunam mills & for Prisoners to Bathe						2		
ll No 1 Inside						11		
yers and Attendants at Store Room						24		
ll No 2 Inside						24		
ll Outside						7		
ng Stones to 8 Room Barrack No 1						13		
ment Gang						10		
						2		
t Warders						2		
						11		
House Gang at Anapalum						36		
Do Do on Avanashy Road						36		
s and Cotton Spinners						18		
ng and winding Cotton						3		
ters Smiths and Bellows						9		
Establishment						29		
gees						31		
e of Sick						3		
in Hospital						19		
escents						25		
lers making leg leathers						2		
ly works						4		
orks						5		
vants						3		
istrict Jail						1		
Chunam mills						15		
neral duty at Jail								
save								
ent								
Total						682	682	

Memo - of Prisoners required for Jail work on 3/1/67

Description of Work	No	Remarks
Do - Attending for - Bricklayers at hospital	20	
Do - Convey rough stone for - Do -	30	20
Do - Supply mortar, 10 - & water 10	20	20
4 - Convicts Bricklayers & 6 - Attendants for fixing [illegible] at hospital	10	20
Attending for 2 - Bullock mill at hospital	10	10
Measure sand & mix with lime & Do	5	10 5
6 - Convicts Bricklayers & [illegible] Attendants to Do store Room	20	10
		95
White washing and ceiling for Do -	10	
Flooring and ceiling for Gaur room	10	
Attending to Bricklayers & Carpenters at female ward	20	
Attendants for 2 - Bullock mills 1 - at store 1 - female	10	
Measure Sand mix with lime Do -	5	
12 - Convicts Bricklayers & 30 - Attendants for 8 Rooms Barrack	42	
Attendants to - Carpenters at Do -	20	

Convey Timbers from store yard to 8 rooms B No 2 - 20

Excavating foundation for outer wall of hospital - 10

Do - Do for petty building at female ward yard } - 50

Stone cutters for Guard Room - 2 30

Breaking stones for Guard Room

Total 344

2/1/66 } Central Jail

Superintendent Lt C J

	344		648 -
Water gang	50 -	Carpen	9 -
Toll gates -	36 -	Jail gov.	2 -
Cooks -	29	District Jail	1 -
Porters -	31 -		660
Sick -	21 -		
Convict Ward	11 -		
Marines	21 -		
Convalescent	24 -		
Rajbee -	25		
Washerman	10 -		
Jail Males -	24 -		
Do	7 -		
Do outside -	13		
	648		

6/2/69

Particulars	Jailor	Deputy Jailor	Writer	Head warder	Warder	[illegible]	Total	Remarks
Total Prisoners Yesterday							682	
Increase								
Total							682	
Decrease								
…uary 1867 — Total							682	
… Gang								
…g 8 Room Barrack No 1						20		
…ing Timber from Store room Yard to Do						20		
…layers and Attendants at 8 Room Barrack No 1						18		
…ing Stones for Guard room						42		
…g and oiling Guard room						30		
…layers and Attendants at Store room						10		
…washing and oiling do do						35		
…ing Stones for Hospital						10		
…ying Mortar and water for do						20		
…dation for Hospital outerwall						25		
… Mill at Hospital						10		
…dants on 4 Bullock Mills						16		
…ing Sand and Lime						20		
…ts on Bricklayers and Carpenters at Female Yd						10		
…ation for Hospital cook house and workshop						20		
…male Yard								
… cutters at Gate						30		
						2		
…lying water for chunam Mills & for Pris's to Bath								
…ouse on Apellipolliem Road						4		
…ell No 1 Inside						36		
…ell No 2 Inside						24		
…well Outside						7		
…s, cutting wood						13		
…ment Gang						2		
…washing cells in Barrack No 3						2		
…ing Grain						20		
…s						25		
…ers and Cotton Spinners						1		Mending ol…
…ing and cleaning cotton						13		
…nters Smiths and Bellows man								
…ing Establishment								
…ngees						2		
…b warders						1		
…lers making leg leathers						1		
…bly works						3		
…rge of Sick						4		
…in Hospital						2		
…valescents						2		
… servants						5		
…ick Jail						1		
Total					682		682	

No. 253.

Coimbatore 25th July 1867.

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From

K. D. Roberts Esqre
Assistant Engineer
Coimbatore

To

H. R. Grimes Esqre
Superintendent Central Jail
Coimbatore,

Sir,

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3 I should be much obliged if you could arrange to let us have the gang of Convicts from the District Jail which you formerly allowed us for drawing water; it is extremely ne=cessary that economy should be used as much as possible, or there will not be sufficient funds for carrying out the works satisfac=torily at the end.

I have the honor to be
&c.
(Sigd.) K. D. Roberts.
Assistant Engineer

(True Extract)

Henry R. Grimes.
Supertt. of Central Jail.

No. 253. Coimbatore 25th July 1867.

97

From

K. D. Roberts Esqre

Assistant Engineer

Coimbatore

To

H. R. Grimes Esqre

Superintendant Central Jail

Coimbatore,

Sir,

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I have the honor to be &c

(Sigd.) K. D. Roberts

Assistant Engineer

(True Extract)

Henry H. Grimes

Supertt of Central Jail.

P.N. 272/64.

No. 275.

812
20/3/68

Coimbatore Range
Office 20th March 1868

From,

H. D. Roberts Esqre
Assistant Engineer

To

Major W. Farewell
Acting Supg. Engineer
7th Division

Sir,

With reference to your letter No. 203 of 19th Instant, I have the honor to inform you that I distinctly recollect Colonel Walker's giving me verbal orders to carry out any alterations which the Inspector General of Jails wished, provided only I had his written Memorandum to the effect; Such written instructions I never could obtain from him, tho' I was often informed verbally & in writing from Mr. Grimes that the Inspector General of Jails disapproved of various items included in the Sanctioned Estimate, and that he (Mr. Grimes) believed that it was the intention of Colonel ~~Walker~~ Wilson to report the same to Colonel Walker or myself at the time.

A letter from Colonel Walker to me No. 131 of 30th March 1867 Para 2 directs that the wishes of the Inspector Genl. of Jails as to the position of the Dead House & Wicket Gate should be ascertained and carried out —

Memo:

Memo: No. 14 of 12th April 1867 - directs that the wishes of the Inspector General of Jails expressed in a letter to Mr. Grimes with regard to the position of the Cisterns may be carried out —

Memo: No. 47 of the 28th May /67 - directs that the Signature of the Inspector General of Jails may be obtained to a Modified Plan of Cistern desired by him, and after his Signature so obtained, to carry out the work according to his wishes —

I can find no other written instructions with reference to this subject -

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most Obt. Servant

W. D. Roberts
Assistant Engr.

No 130.

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From. H. R. Grimes Esqre
Superintendent of Central Jail
Coimbatore.

To. H. D. Roberts Esqre
Assistant Engineer
Coimbatore.

Sir,

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I have directed that a gang from the District Jail be allowed to draw water, but however necessary it may be to economise, I beg to inform you that the labor of the Convicts is charged. and that should the District Jail gang be required for other purposes you will have to make arrangement for bringing your own water. as I cannot promise to keep the District Jail gang solely for this purpose, and I am prohibited from sending a gang from the Central Jail beyond the Jail Compound.

I beg that you will supply Carts and water Barrels.

I have the honor to be &c
(Sigd) H. R. Grimes
Supertt of Central Jail

Coimbatore
Central Jail office
27th July 1867

(True Extract)

[signature] Grimes
Supertt of Central Jail.

P.W.272/64c

No 239.

Coimbatore
13th April 1867

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From
K. D. Roberts Esqre
Assistant Engineer

To
H. Grimes Esqre
Superintendent Central Jail.

Sir
I have the honor to request that, out of the number of extra Convicts you have allowed us, you will allow one gang to be employed in fetching water in Carts or otherwise for our works, as the supply which we have hitherto had has failed, & having bullocks, and paying the Municipal Tolls is very expensive.

I have the honor to be,
(Sigd) K. D. Roberts
Assistant Engineer

(True Copy)

Henry Grimes
Supt. of Central Jail.

P.V.272/69.

No. 6.

Supg. Engineer's Office 7th D.n
Conoor, 7th April 1868.

From, Colonel G. W. Walker R.E. 105
Supg. Engineer 7th Division

To, Lieut. Colonel W. J. Wilson
Inspector General of Jails.

Sir,

Enclosures
Mr. Roberts' letter No. 275 of 20 March
Lt. Trail's Do. No. 715 of 21st March.-

With reference to my letter No. 255 of 14th March 1868, I have the honor to forward the accompanying letters from Lieut. Trail R.E., and Mr. K. D. Roberts, to be returned to me when done with.-

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedt. Servant
G. W. Walker Col. R.E.
Supg. Engineer 7th Dn.

D.T.J. 114
Regd. 18 April /68

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From

Col Walker

Supdt [illegible]

T Survey

P.W. 272/69.

~~Forwards~~ Enclosures from

Lts Tuill & Roberts R.E.

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Take Copies of Enclosures

Recd 11 Apl /68.

Copies taken

No. 81

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From

H. R. Grimes Esqre

Superintendant of Central Jail
Coimbatore.

To

Lieutt Colonel W. J. Wilson

Inspector General of Jails
Ootacamund.

Sir,

Proceedings of Govt. P. W. Dept. dated 18th July 18[illegible] No. 424.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 795, dated 23d Instant, forwarding me the order of Government marginally noted in which you call upon me to forward any observations on the letter of the Superintending Engineer, and his assistant, I may desire to offer. Eighteen months have nearly elapsed since the circumstances occurred to which Colonel Walker the Superintending Engineer of the 7th Division refers. It is therefore difficult for me to recall to memory all the circumstances that happened at that time. I will endeavour however to clear myself from the grave charges brought against me by Colonel Walker.

In the 4th Para of Colonel Walker's letter to Government, he distinctly denies that the dangerous nature of the platform in the large well had been repeatedly pointed out by me to the Range officer. I regret to say there is no written representation on record

but I can distinctly state that such representations were made both to Lieutt Colonel Moberly & Lieut Smith.

When I took charge of the Central Jail in April 1866, Lieutt Colonel Moberly was then executive Engineer, there were 192 prisoners in the Jail of whom 124 were employed by the Public Works Depart- 24 of this number consisted of the Jail well gang at the large well: at that time the only well in the Jail, part of this gang drew water on a platform situated 40 feet or thereabouts down the well. the water was again drawn to the top by the remainder of the gang. there was no railing round the mouth of the well, or round the aperture of the platform. The water was drawn principally for building purposes. and was carried from the well to two sunk cisterns in yards No 6 and 8 there was also a sunk cistern in the same yard in which the well is situated viz No 5 yard. this cistern was filled by means of a channel from the mouth of the well. after the days work the convicts were taken to these cisterns to wash in the water that remained after supplying the works. These cisterns were only thoroughly emptied and cleaned once a week.

The great amount of labor wasted in this mode of drawing the water and the danger of the platform often occurred to me — and I remember on one occasion talking about it to Lieut Colonel Moberly — who was generally in the Jail at the same time as myself; that is in the mornings. Colonel Moberly then informed me, that he was having an apparatus constructed consisting of an endless band with iron buckets somewhat similar to a Dredging Machine, and that as soon as it was completed the platform in the well would be done away with. I saw the model of this apparatus at the time, the buckets intended for it were in the Public Works store room at the Jail as late as the month of December 1867. I believe Colonel Walker did not approve of Lieut Colonel Moberly's apparatus, it was never erected — During Lieut Colonel Moberly's time only two written communications passed between us, we generally communicated personally at our visits to the Jail

Lieutenant Smith succeeded Lieut Colonel Moberly in August 1866, the same system of drawing water from the well was in force

Lieut Smith was Constantly in the Jail every morning at the same time as myself and in the month of October 1866 transferred his office from the tower to one of the upper rooms in the Central Warder ad=joining my office, thus again any Communications that passed be=tween us were made personally. I again brought to Lieut Smith's notice the great waste of labor there was in drawing water and the dangerous state of the platform, and again I was shewn a rough Sketch of an apparatus he intended to con=struct. this was some thing simi=lar to a tread mill. I recollect being much struck with it owing to the labor it would require fully Coming up to the general idea of hard labor, and such labor being utilized, how=ever nothing was done -

Lieut Smith left this District in January 1867, during his Charge of the works, the platform in the well was taken up and repaired by the Public Works Depart= this was done on the 4th September 1866 as the following entry occurs in my official Journal- "The Platform" "in the Jail well has been under" "repair this day therefore there has"

"been no water drawn, and no water for the" 8
"prisoners to bathe in". Mr Roberts suc=
=ceeded Lieut Smith, and had only been in
charge of the Range and the Central Jail
works, a short time when the accident
at the well occurred, this I can prove
from the Correspondence on record as the
last letter I received officially from
Lieut Smith is dated 18th January 1867.
I replied to this on the 25th January ad=
=dressing it to Mr Roberts, the acci=
=dent occurred on the 4th February, at
which time I was but slightly ac=
=quainted with Mr Roberts, & certainly
had never spoken to him either officially
or otherwise on matters connected
with the Jail.

Mr Roberts is therefore correct
in his statement that no represen=
=tations were made to him, but I
think the following entry in my
Journal written on the day the ac=
=cident occurred proves that repre=
=sentations were made to the former
executive officers regarding the dan=
=gerous state of the platform.

"The appliances for drawing water from"
"this well are very bad, and although"
"it has been frequently represented to"
"the Engineer officers, no steps have"
"as yet been taken to remedy this. The"
"well is immensely deep and large,"
"about 40 feet down it, a platform,"

"is erected, on which Convicts stand, and draw"
"the water with Buckets and ropes merely"
"by hand there is no protection such as"
"a railing on this platform, and it is only"
"providential that no accident has"
"happened before. The Supervisor of the"
"D.P.W. visited the well and proposed"
"placing a platform at the top of the"
"well by placing two large beams across"
"it, and erecting a large wheel, which is"
"what I have long proposed. he promis-"
"-sed to get the permission of the Ex-"
"-ecutive officer to supply the Beams."
"and I have undertaken to supply all"
"the labor required. If the executive"
"Engineer does not agree to supply the"
"requisite timber, I have determined"
"to purchase it myself and put the"
"work in hand immediately, a better"
"and safer system ought to have been"
"established long ago."

I regret now that all my repre-
-sentations on various subjects were
not made officially in writing.

In the 5th Para of the Proceedings
of Government under reply, Colonel
Walker states, that the water was
drawn for Jail purposes, and not for
Jail works. Mr Roberts in the last
sentence of his letter to Colonel
Walker dated 23 May 1868 No 97.

also states "as far as I can ascertain, we have never in my time been allowed to use water from this well for building purposes."

In reply to these statements, I beg to bring to your recollection that owing to the water in this well having been twice reported upon by the Chemical Examiner as unfit for Cooking and drinking purposes, all water required for these purposes was drawn from a well in the town, and latterly from Mr Grant's well, a gang of 50 Convicts being detailed daily, on this account from April 1866 until the 17th June 1867, on which date, I commenced, with your sanction, to use the water in the Jail wells for every purpose. The whole of the water drawn from the Jail well was not taken for the Convicts to bathe in; the water was supplied for building purposes in addition to bathing. this can be proved from the indents of the Public Works Department for Convict labor, some of which I now forward. these indents have been filed from the 9th November 1866 up to the 22d July 1868, and in nearly every one of them, a gang has been indented for drawing water. In the early indents, a well gang was

...Indents for ...vict labor of ...rious dates from 9th Nov 1866 to ...26th July 1868 ...ned by different ...masters of the ...P.W.D.

specially invented for, in addition to gangs supplying water to the various works. but this was discontinued by my order as I informed the Overseer of the works, that the well gang would be always a standing one, and he was in future to invent for Convicts for supplying water only—

I would ask Mr Roberts with re=
=ference to this statements, where the water came from? as at the time of the accident, there was only one well at the Jail which supplied any water and gangs were not sent outside the Jail for this purpose except the gang for the drinking water— The well was thus used by the Public Works Department as much as by the Jail Department. The system of drawing water from the platform had never been altered from the Com=
=mencement up to the date of the accident, and Dr Davis who is now the Medical officer of the Jail, and had executive Charge of it prior to my being appointed, can Corro=
=borate my statement, that the system originated with the Public Works Department, and was in force when he handed over Charge of the Jail—

With reference to the last part

of para under reply the want of a railing round the aperture in the platform and not round the upper surface of the well only was remarked upon by the Head Assistant Magistrate for he went on to the platform and examined it himself.

In Para 6 Colonel Walker remarks that Convict labor has been used by me for all sorts of works specially those connected with the Municipality even to the extent of non compliance with Public Works Indents for labor.

I beg that the indents of the Public Works Department may be compared with the daily report of the distribution of Convict labor, it will be seen that on no occasion was the indent not complied with; Convict labor when available was always supplied to the Public Works Department and every other work except the Conservancy of the Jail, and the Manufactory, which principally supplied the Clothing, had to give away to this. Two gangs of Convicts were sent from the Central Jail for a few days commencing from the 2nd January 1867 to build some Toll gate houses for the Municipality in the

vicinity of the Jail. but these gangs in
no way interfered with the demand of
the Public Works Department as you
will observe from the indents of the
Public Works Department and from the
Copies of Daily Report now forwarded.
On the 2d January, the Public Works
Department indented for 264 Convicts
the Daily Report shews that 284 were
supplied being twenty in excess of the
indent. the 3d January 344 Convicts
were indented for 335 were supplied.
The number of Convicts in the Jail
on these dates amounted 6682. and
as the Public Works Department could
not employ them all. I had to find employ-
-ment for the remainder. with the
exception of building these Toll-
houses. the Convicts in the Central
Jail were never employed on Muni-
-cipal works. Convict labor for this
purpose was always given from the
District Jail. even this was discon-
-tinued in June 1867. when every
available Convict from both Cen-
-tral and District Jails was worked
up at the Central Jail. I beg to
forward Copies of a Correspondence
between Mr Roberts the Range officer
and myself which I think will
show that instead of there not being
a hearty cooperation with the Public

Copies from
Daily Repo[rt]
...
Jail labor
...
Convict labo[r]
account of
attached.

No. 239. dated
1867. from ...
to Supt. Central
No. ... from
dated 15th
to ...
No. 253. dated
1867. from ...
No. 130. ...
...

Works Agents. I have endeavoured to the utmost to meet and more than to meet their demands for labor.

In reply to Para 7 I can only state that up to the date of the accident. Feby 4th 1857. my suggestions to put up a wheel had not been listened to. the wheel was put up after I had reported the acci-dent to you. which report was dated the 8th February. water was not drawn from the well by this wheel until a month after the accident had occurred for there is an entry to that effect in the Journal of the 4th March.

I certainly was never under the im-pression that I could do what I pleased in the matter of devising apparatus for drawing water as long as the Public Works Department had charge of the works in the Jail, and I made no alterations in either of the plans adopted by the Public Works Department until after October when Mr Roberts officially intima-ted that he was prepared to hand over the Jail as completed

I do not presume to have any know-ledge of Engineering; the model which Colonel Walker refers to was copied from Cressy's Encyclopaedia of Engineering. a similar design having been also sent to me by the

Superintendant of the Central Jail at Rajahmundry. in the District Jail of which town the apparatus has long been in use. The apparatus has been applied to the large well in this Jail. and has been at work since the 3^d January last. Major Farewell upon his official visit to the Jail on the 29th January saw it in work, and remarked that the diameter of the Capstan was too small to be of any use. he recom=mended that it should be increased to 3 feet; this was done, and the appa=ratus has been in continuous work ever since the month of March last. Formerly a gang of 30 Convicts was required for the well. a gang of 10 now suffices.

There remains only one point on which I wish to remark i.e Mr Roberts Statement that, water was only allowed for building purposes. which had been used by the Convicts for bathing, and therefore the masons refused to use it. During the time Lieut Colonel Moberly and Lieut Smith had charge of the works. the masons used the water without complaint. from the only Cisterns there were in the Jail. in which Cisterns the Convicts bathed daily. As water increased in the wells fresh water was always supplied for the masons, and it was not until the 15th February 1867. that

any difficulty occurred with regard to the supply. On this date I find the following entry in the Journal.
"The Jailor reports that No 1. well"
" is emptied by 3.45. and very little water"
" for the prisoners to bathe with in the"
" cistern in No 5 yard. the buildings"
" take a large quantity of water; as soon"
" as the Jail water Casks are ready."
" those now in use will be given over"
" to the D.P.W. and they will have to"
" supply themselves with water."
On this date there were 710 Convicts in the Jail who were required to bathe daily. there was only the large well giving any supply of water, and three bathing cisterns, one a brick & Chunam one, and two smaller ones dug in the ground, and paved with stones. Under these circumstances, I do not think it was an extraordinary request on my part that the masons should use the bathing water especially as they had done so previously.

I can only add that every individual connected with the Jail — both Public Works Subordinates and Jail Subordinates can testify that water from the well has been supplied whenever available for building purposes, and although a gang has not been specially indented for

for the well for some months, other gangs have been indented for to supply water to the buildings.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obd^t. Servant,

Henry H Grimes
Superintendant Central Jail.

Coimbatore —
Cen^l. Jail office
30th. July 1868

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From
H. R. Grimes Esqre
Supt Central Jail
Coimbatore

To
Lt Col W. Wilson
Inspr Genl of Jails
Ootacamund

Dated 30th July 1868
Recd 3 August

No 81
P.N. 272/69
Replies to letter
No 795 dated 23
July 1868.

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Proc. 1st March /69 No 209

I would make an order to the following effect. N.P. 123

The Government entertain no doubt that the Superintendent of the Central Jail at Coimbatore made repeated representations to the Range Officers successively employed with reference to the dangerous character of the Platform suspended in the Well worked for building purposes and for purposes of ablution. The Govt. cannot however exonerate Mr. Grimes entirely from all responsibility

in connection with the fatal accident which eventually occurred Mr. Grimes should have reiterated his representations to Mr Roberts on the nomination of that gentleman to the charge of the Jail buildings and if he was convinced that the apparatus was absolutely dangerous to life he ought to have removed the Convicts at any sacrifice of labour & convenience from a position of so much risk.

The Govt. on the other hand are of opinion ~~consider~~ that Lt Colonel Roberts and Lt. Smith were seriously

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culpable in not having contrived 125
and setup ~~—~~ a safe and efficient
apparatus for drawing water at an
earlier period and they consider
that it was the duty of Colonel
Walker who states that ~~the~~ he
condemned the suspended stage
to have assured himself that the
stage was actually removed
and replaced by some appliance
of a better character.

In reviewing the letter from
Colonel Walker to the Secretary
to Govt. Public Works Dept.
under date of June 29th 1868
the Govt. are constrained

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to animadvert upon the ~~ironical~~ ironical and irritating tone in which portions of it are couched. The Govt. have so often remarked upon similar errors in the official correspondence of this officer that they deem it their duty now to affirm that ~~this is the last time that~~ any future provocation offered by Colonel Walker to other departments of the Public Service or to members of his own will be regarded as a ground for his suspension or his removal to another position.

The Govt. consider that the imputations cast upon Mr. Grimes by Colonel Walker with reference to an alleged want of readiness to supply convict labour and a want of good will

in conformity with the Orders of the D.P.W. are not justified by any thing that is disclosed in this correspondence.

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Public Works Department.

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PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 6th March 1869

Read the following-

From the Inspector General of Jails.- (Here enter No. 166 dated 21. Jany/69)

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of so much risk.

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opinion that Lt. Col. Moberly
and his immediate suc-
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culpable in not having contrived and set up a safe and efficient apparatus for drawing water at an earlier period, and they consider that it was the duty of Col: Walker, who states that he condemned the suspended stage, to have assured himself that the stage was actually removed and replaced by some appliance of a better character.

In reviewing the letter from Col: Walker under date the 29th June 1868, No. 78, the Govt: are constrained to animadvert upon the ironical and irritating terms in which

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portions of it are couched.
The Govt: have so often remarked upon similar errors in the Official correspondence of this Officer that they deem it their duty now to affirm that any future provocation offered by Col: Walker to other Departments of the Public Service or to members of his own will be regarded as ~~a ground for his suspension or removal from the public service~~

a ground for the most serious manifestation of the displeasure of Government. — N.

[signature]

The Govt: consider that the imputations cast upon Mr. Grimes by Col: Walker with reference to an alleged want of readiness to supply Convict labor and a want

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of good will in cooperating with the Officers of the Department Public Works are not justified by any thing that is discovered in this correspondence.

W.B.

To the Inspector Genl. of Jails
" the Supdg. Engineer 7th Divn.
for Gudl. ~~Deptt~~

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PUBLIC WORKS.

To The Inspector General of Jails

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G. O. 6th March 1869. No. 740

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Accident Passing orders [on] the letter from the Insp. Genl. of Jails submitting the [exp]lanation called for from the Supdt of the Central Jail at Coimbatore in connection [wi]th a fatal accident [wh]ich befell a convict the 6th Feby /67.